

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Notice of Allowance dated December 6, 2010. Through this response, various amendments have been made to the specification to correct typographical errors and ensure consistency with the figures. Further, amendments to dependent claims 2, 4, 6, and 8 have been set forth above to ensure consistency with the Examiner amendments previously made (e.g., as set forth in the July 9, 2010 Notice of Allowability) to claims 1, 3, 5, and 7 (the latter thus identified as "Previously presented"). These amendments are being submitted along with payment of the issue fee, and merely embody correction of formal matters in the specification and claims, without adding new matter or affecting the scope thereof, and without necessitating a new search or examination. The errors corrected through amendment have come to the undersigned's attention for the first time, and hence were not presented earlier. Further, the amendments set forth in this response are not presented for purposes of delay. Entry of these amendments is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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